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Wylie Awarded \$415,000 In Grants to Build Trail System

Wylie, TX, June 10, 2013 – The City of Wylie was recently awarded a \$200,000 grant from the Texas Parks and Wildlife Commission in addition to a \$215,000 grant from the Collin County Parks and Open Space Grant Program received in October 2012, to be used for the construction of trails on the 253 acres of land surrounding Wylie’s Municipal Complex. Construction of the trails is anticipated to begin late 2013.

“The addition of trails furthers our vision of the Municipal Complex being a premier community gathering place in North Texas,” says Mayor Eric Hogue. “Citizens and visitors can spend the day being inspired by our public art, strengthen their hearts at the Recreation Center, feed their minds at the Smith Library and now enjoy the natural surroundings through the trail system.”

“We are excited to provide trail access to the rolling hills, open fields, lush vegetation, streams and wildlife found on this unique piece of land,” says Mike Sferra, Public Services Director. “Recreation, educational and wildlife viewing opportunities will abound on the more than 5,000 feet of trails.”

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The 12-foot wide concrete trail will be connected to the existing sidewalks on Country Club Road and West Brown Street to complete a nearly two-mile loop around and through the Municipal Complex property. A pedestrian bridge will also be constructed to span a tributary of Muddy Creek, and four benches will be placed at approximate quarter-mile intervals along the new trail. Existing concrete parking is available at the Municipal Complex for ease of access to the trails.

The trail system's close proximity to the municipal complex provides opportunities to create programs and activities which incorporate the Smith Library and Wylie Recreations Center. For example, educational and outdoor-interpretive experiences could be realized by combining the trail with reference resources available at the Library, and physical fitness activities could be linked between the recreation center and the trail system.

The Municipal complex, located at 300 Country Club Road, features a 46,000 square foot City Hall, 47,000 square foot Recreation Center and 44,000 square foot Library. The unique, one-of-a-kind design by nationally known architectural firms Architexas and Holzman Moss Bottino Architecture, features a combination of West Texas Permian Sea Coral limestone, colored stainless steel Millennium Tile, and hand-formed D'hanis clay bricks. Many of the materials are native to Texas including the limestone and Mesquite in-grain flooring.

For details on City of Wylie Parks and Recreation, please visit www.wylietexas.gov/parks. Parks and Recreation Superintendent Robert Diaz may be contacted by email, robert.diaz@wylietexas.gov, or by phone 972-516-6341.

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About Wylie -- Incorporated in 1887, the City of Wylie is located just 24 miles from downtown Dallas in Collin, Dallas and Rockwall Counties. Possessing an outstanding school district, a low crime rate, an ISO #1 rating and an expanding business climate, Wylie (population 43,000) is one of the fastest growing communities in the State of Texas with a 184% increase since 2000.

